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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - CLIMATE CHANGE AND NUCLEAR SECURITY
SUMMIT

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Top items on Monday morning included Prime Minister Hatoyama's meeting on Sunday with senior GOJ officials. They reportedly discussed the rapid appreciation of the yen.

¶2. "Time for Diplomacy" On recent announcements by the U.S. and China on their respective goals for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, the liberal Asahi editorialized (11/29): "The reduction targets that were put forward by the U.S. and China are not worthy of praise.... The U.S. should consider a reduction of 'from 25 percent to 40 percent from the 1990 level by 2020.' Otherwise, chances are high that damage from global warming would become much more serious. As a major greenhouse gas producer, China on its part should adopt an ambitious goal that would lead to an overall reduction of emissions. The effectiveness of a post-Kyoto Protocol accord will increase only when the world unites to reduce emissions."

¶3. "Join with U.S. to Prevent Nuclear Terrorism" On President Obama's plan to convene a Global Nuclear Security Summit in April in the U.S., the liberal Asahi asserted in an editorial (11/30): "President Obama is concerned that nuclear terrorism in New York, Paris, or Tokyo would not just inflict casualties but also throw the international economy and society into turmoil. The President is correct in regarding nuclear terrorism as a realistic threat and looking into countermeasures in a speedy manner.... Speaking on nuclear problems, attention is being paid in Japan to North Korea's nuclear development and Chinese nuclear strategy. They are serious matters of concern. However, Japan should also share U.S. apprehension about nuclear terrorism. As a U.S. ally, Japan should make its utmost diplomatic efforts to reduce the threat of nuclear terrorism."

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